

CLAIMS**What is claimed is:**

- 5 1. A pool cover drain for an above ground swimming pool, comprising:
- a. a pool cover placed over said above ground swimming pool having disposed
 in a non-centric portion thereof a sealed, watertight pool cover drain;
- 10 b. attachment means for connecting a flexible hose to said pool cover drain and
 to a side wall drain in said swimming pool, for draining collected rainwater
 away from said pool cover;
- c. sealed, weighted tubular element means disposed on said pool cover adjacent
 said water tight pool cover drain, for creating a depression in said pool cover
 with a low point contiguous to said pool cover drain to thereby direct
 collected rainwater on said pool cover along outside portions of said element
15 means and into said pool cover drain.
2. A pool cover drain as recited by claim 1, wherein said pool cover is composed of
 a polymeric material.
3. A pool cover drain as recited by claim 1, wherein said pool has a substantially
 circular shape, and said pool cover drain is disposed in said pool cover and
20 displaced from a central portion thereof by a length of about three quarters of its
 radius.
4. A pool cover drain as recited by claim 1, wherein the said pool cover drain is
 attached to said pool cover with gaskets, a washer and a nut to create a water
 tight seal between said pool cover drain and said pool cover.

5. A pool cover drain as recited by claim 1, wherein the said attachment means for connecting said flexible hose to said pool cover drain comprises a plurality of barbed fittings.
- 5 6. A pool cover drain as recited by claim 1, wherein the said attachment means for connecting said flexible hose to said swimming pool sidewall drain comprises a plurality of barbed fittings.
- 10 7. A pool cover drain as recited by claim 1, wherein the said depression creation means for creating a conical depression in said pool cover to direct rain water to said pool cover drain comprises a sealed weighted tubular element with its weighted end placed in proximity with said pool cover drain.
8. A pool cover drain as recited by claim 1, wherein said sealed weighted tubular element comprises sand contained in said weighted end.
- 15 9. A pool cover drain as recited by claim 1, wherein said sealed weighted tubular element comprises right angled weighted projections in one end to prevent rolling and displacement of said sealed weighted element over said pool cover.
- 20 10. A pool cover drain as recited by claim 1, wherein said sealed weighted tubular element comprises sand contained within said right-angled projections.
11. A method for draining rainwater collected over an above ground swimming pool cover, comprising the steps of:
 - a. forming a sealed pool cover drain within a non-centrally located portion of said pool cover;
 - b. attaching a flexible hose to said pool cover drain, so that one side of said flexible hose is connected to a water outlet drain in the side wall of said

above ground swimming pool below a water line, and the other side of said flexible hose is connected to a nipple on said pool cover drain;

c. placing the cover, together with said pool cover drain and said flexible hose attachment, over each side of said above ground swimming pool;

5 d. placing a sealed weighted tubular element with its weighted end in close proximity to said pool cover drain to create a conical depression in said swimming pool cover, so that collected rainwater runs along said sealed weighted tubular element and, optionally, through interior portions thereof, and into said pool cover drain; and

10 e. draining said collected rainwater from said pool cover drain to said sidewall drain outlet through a flexible hose.